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BOSTON- Thursday, April 19, 2007 -Governor Deval Patrick today announced the members of his new statewide Anti-Crime Council, designed to help address issues of gun and gang violence across the Commonwealth.

"Addressing violent crime requires a coordinated and comprehensive approach in order to provide and ensure stability in our communities," Governor Patrick said. "The members I appointed today bring a unique perspective to the table and I look forward to working with each of them to ensure that individuals and families feel safe on our streets."

The new, multi-agency, multi-disciplinary Anti-Crime Council will focus on the present challenges facing crime victims, social service providers and Massachusetts law enforcement organizations. The council will produce coordinated law enforcement, including strategies for intercepting gun and drug trafficking as well as for early intervention and prevention.

The Governor will chair the Council that will meet on a monthly basis.

"This initiative by Governor Patrick will allow for a comprehensive examination of the issues relating to crime. The Governor's leadership of the Anti-Crime Council clearly demonstrates his commitment to public safety and his desire to find the best most innovative ways to address the crime problem." Secretary Burke

Members include:

Chair Governor Deval Patrick

Attorney General Martha Coakley

Kevin Burke, Secretary of Public Safety

Dr. JudyAnn Bigby, Secretary of Health and Human Services

Mark F. Delaney, Colonel of the Department of State Police

Maureen Walsh, Chair of the Parole Board

Kathleen M. Dennehy, Commissioner of the Department of Correction

Jane E. Tewksbury, Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services

Harry Spence, Commissioner of the Department of Social Services

John Auerbach, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health

Senator Robert Creedon, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary

Representative Eugene O'Flaherty, Chairman of the Join Committee on the Judiciary

Representative Michael Costello, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

- Senator Jarrett Barrios, Chairman of the Join Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
- John O'Brien, Commissioner of the Office of Probation
- Ben Clements, Chief Legal Counsel
- Jonathan Blodgett, President of the Massachusetts District Attorney's Association
- Chief Arthur O'Neil, President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association
- Dan O'Leary, Chair of the Major City Police Chiefs Association
- Frank G. Cousins, President of the Massachusetts Sheriff's Association
- Geoffrey Beckwith, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association
- Janet E. Fine, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance
- William Leahy, Chief Counsel of the Committee for Public Counsel Services
- Lee J. Gartenberg, Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Massachusetts Bar Association
- Georgianna Melendez, Executive Director of Casa Myrna Vazquez
- Reverend Howard-John Wesley, St. John's Church of Springfield
- Dr. Victor Ascolillo, Criminal Justice Professor, Westfield State
- Chief Gary Gemme, Worcester Police
- Michael Riccuiti, Co-Chair Criminal Justice Section, Boston Bar Association
- The Council's first meeting will be held on May 10, 2007.